# BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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) Case No. 8002017030084
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### **DECISION**

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

IT IS SO ORDERED AUGUST 22, 2017

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Kimberly Kirchmeyer

Executive Director

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8	BEFORE THE			
9	MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS			
10	STATE OF CALIFO			
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No.: 800-2017-030084		
12	KATHRYN LISA COOK, M.D.	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE		
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14	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G67531			
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16	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties in this			
17	proceeding, that the following matters are true:			
18	1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical			
19	Board of California. She brought this action solely in the official capacity, and is represented by			
20	Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Jane Zack Simon, Supervising			
21	Deputy Attorney General.			
22	2. Respondent Kathryn Lisa Cook, M.D. (R	espondent) is representing herself in this		
23	proceeding. Respondent's current address is 7725 N. Foothill Drive S, Paradise Valley, AZ			
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25	3. On November 20, 1989, the Medical Board of California issued Physician's and			
26	Surgeon's Certificate No. G67531 to Respondent. The c	certificate is delinquent, having expired		
27	on April 30, 2017.			
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- 4. Respondent has received, read and understands the Accusation which is presently on file and pending in case number 800-2017-030084 (Accusation) a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A. Respondent also has carefully read and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License (Stipulation).
- 5. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.
- 6. For the purpose of resolving the charges and allegations in the Accusation, without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that based on the action taken by the Arizona Medical Board as alleged in the Accusation, cause exists to take action against her California physician's and surgeon's certificate. Respondent wishes to surrender her California certificate at this time.
- 7. Pursuant to section 2224(b) of the Business and Professions Code, this Stipulation for Surrender of License shall be subject to the approval of the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that the Medical Board's staff and counsel for Complainant may communicate directly with the Board regarding this Stipulation without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing this Stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the Stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. In the event that this Stipulation is rejected for any reason by the Board, it will be of no force or effect for either party. The Board will not be disqualified from further action in this matter by virtue of its consideration of this Stipulation.

- 8. Upon acceptance of this Stipulation by the Board, Respondent understands that she will no longer be permitted to practice as a physician and surgeon in California, and also agrees to surrender and cause to be delivered to the Board any license and wallet certificate in her possession before the effective date of the decision.
- 9. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Medical Board or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.
- 10. Respondent fully understands and agrees that if she ever files an application for relicensure or reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement, and Respondent must comply with all laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the petition is filed.
- and surgeon for a period of three (3) years from the effective date of her surrender. Information gathered in connection with Accusation number 800-2017-030084 may be considered by the Board in determining whether or not the grant the petition for reinstatement. For the purposes of the reinstatement hearing, the allegations contained in Accusation number 800-2017-030084 shall be deemed to be admitted by Respondent, and Respondent waives any and all defenses based on a claim of laches or the statute of limitations.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile or electronic copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License, including facsimile or electronic signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

#### **ACCEPTANCE**

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License. I enter into it freely and voluntarily and with full knowledge of its force and effect do hereby surrender my Physician and Surgeon's Certificate Number G67531 to the Medical Board of California, for its formal acceptance. By signing this Stipulation to surrender my license, I recognize that upon its formal acceptance by the Board, I will lose all rights and privileges to practice as a physician and surgeon in the State of California and I also will cause to be delivered to the Board any license

1	and wallet certificate in my possession before the effective date of the decision.		
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3	DATED: July 39, 2017 Matthy Ava Coop MJ KATHRYN LISA COOK, M.D. Respondent		
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5	ENDORSEMENT		
6	The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License is hereby respectfully submitted for		
7	consideration by the Medical Board of California.		
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9	DATED: 8717 XAVIER BECERRA		
10	Attorney General of the State of California		
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12	IANE ZACK SIMON Supervising Deputy Attorney General		
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# EXHIBIT A

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8	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA			
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10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 800-2017-030084		
11	KATHRYN LISA COOK, M.D. Newport Imaging Center	ACCUSATION		
12	360 San Miguel Drive, Suite 105 Newport Beach, CA 92660			
13	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate			
14	No. G67531,			
15	Respondent.			
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19	The Complainant alleges:			
20		ne Executive Director of the Medical Board		
21	of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, and b	orings this Accusation solely in her official		
22	capacity.			
23	2. On November 20, 1989, Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G67531 was			
24	issued by the Medical Board of California to Kathryn Lisa Cook, M.D. (Respondent). The			
25	certificate is in delinquent status, having expired on April 30, 2017.			
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#### JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Medical Board of California (Board) under the authority of the following sections of the California Business and Professions Code (Code) and/or other relevant statutory enactment:
  - A. Section 2227 of the Code provides in part that the Board may revoke, suspend for a period not to exceed one year, or place on probation, the license of any licensee who has been found guilty under the Medical Practice Act, and may recover the costs of probation monitoring.
  - B. Section 2305 of the Code provides, in part, that the revocation, suspension, or other discipline, restriction or limitation imposed by another state upon a license to practice medicine issued by that state, or the revocation, suspension, or restriction of the authority to practice medicine by any agency of the federal government, that would have been grounds for discipline in California under the Medical Practice Act, constitutes grounds for discipline for unprofessional conduct.
    - C. Section 141 of the Code provides:
    - "(a) For any licensee holding a license issued by a board under the jurisdiction of a department, a disciplinary action taken by another state, by any agency of the federal government, or by another country for any act substantially related to the practice regulated by the California license, may be a ground for disciplinary action by the respective state licensing board. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or by another country shall be conclusive evidence of the events related therein.
    - "(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from applying a specific statutory provision in the licensing act administered by the board that provides for discipline based upon a disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country."

# FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Discipline, Restriction, or Limitation Imposed by Another State)

4. On February 2, 2017, the Arizona Medical Board issued an Order for Surrender of Licensure and Consent to Same. The Order for Surrender of Licensure contains factual findings that the Arizona Board initiated a case after receiving notification that Respondent may have a

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In the Matter of

KATHRYN L. GOOK, M.D.

Holder of License No. 23642

For the Practice of Medicine

In the State of Arizona.

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Case No. MD-16-1037A

## ORDER FOR SURRENDER OF LICENSURE AND CONSENT TO THE SAME

Kathryn L. Cook, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Surrender of Licensure; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") as well as the facts stated herein; and consents to the entry\_of this Order by the Board.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 23642 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 3. The Board initiated case number MD-16-1037A after receiving notification that Respondent may have a medical condition that limited her ability to safely engage in the practice of medicine.
- 4. There has been no finding of unprofessional conduct against the Respondent.
- 5. On January 11, 2017, Respondent requested to surrender her license due to her ongoing health condition.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.
- 2. The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a consent agreement with a physician and accept the surrender of an active license from a physician who admits to being unable to safely engage in the practice of medicine. A.R.S. § 32-1451(T)(1).

#### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent immediately surrender License Number 23642, issued to Kathryn L. Cook, M.D., for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, and return her certificate of licensure to the Board.

DATED and effective this  $2^{n\ell}$  day of 46num, 2017.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By: <u>/</u>

Patricia E. McSorley
Executive Director

# CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent acknowledges she has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.
- 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.
- 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to

challenge this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Order.

- 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.
- 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.
- 6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.
- 7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.
- 8. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense.

1	9. Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement.		
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4	KATHRYN L. COOK, M.D.	Dated: Sam SI, 2017	
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6	US Mail this day of February, 2017 to:		
7	Kathryn L. Cook, M.D.		
8	Address of Record		
9	ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this		
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